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**VIA EFS-WEB**

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PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

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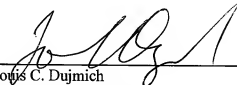
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Respectfully submitted,

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